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Office Hours
Mondays thru Thursdays
8:00 am - 11:00 am

An excerpt from 5 Prayers for Your Pastor (& Why It's So Vital to Pray for Our Pastors)

by Britnee Bradshaw



Why Pray for Pastors and Church Elders?

God has called certain people to lead his sheep. There are people graced to pastor and cover the Lord's church. It is so important that we pray for our pastors in this endeavor. It's so easy for us to see pastors and think because of the position they hold, that they do not need prayer. There is a misconception that they know how to do things that the average Christian does not, or that they do not have their own trials and tribulations.

I would encourage you to remember that because of the calling on pastors' lives, they are even more vulnerable and susceptible to tests, temptation, and burn-out. We, being the sheep, should always be interceding on behalf of our leadership and covering them in prayer. We should be watchful for and with them.

"Let the elders who rule will be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching." (1 Timothy 5:17)



The SPPRC will be hosting a Potluck Dinner for Pastor Laurie after worship on **July 3**.

More details will be coming as the date approaches.

As you know, the Z-Team sponsored a “Sowing Sunday” on May 1. \$20 bills were handed out to anyone wanting to take one for an investment to use their talents, sow the money for a special project, and use the proceeds from those projects to donate to the church on “Harvest Sunday”, which will be celebrated some time in the fall.



The Z-Team still has some \$20 bills for you to “sow”. If you would like one or two \$20 bills for a project, please contact the church office.

Annual Conference 2022

MAKING
HOPE
IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
JUNE 3-5, 2022
REAL!



The 2022 Iowa Annual Conference Session will be held in a hybrid format on Saturday, June 4, and Sunday, June 5. The session will take place in person at a new venue in West Des Moines and will also be offered virtually for those who choose to participate that way.

Volunteers for June

**Liturgists
in June**

June 5
Virginia Robinson

June 12
Gene Robinson

June 19
Nancy Beenblossom

June 26
Gary Shaulis

**Guest Speakers
in June**

June 5
Rev. Jan Burnett

June 12
Lisa Congdon

June 19
Rev. Jan Burnett

June 26
Shawna Brimm

**Ushers
in June**

June 5
Brad Ruth

June 12
Dick & Karen Funk

June 19
Dave Beenblossom

June 26
Gary Shaulis

June Birthdays

Shelly Herbst	6/2
Gary Timion	6/3
Dawson Charley	6/5
Norm Briden	6/5
Zoey Barnes	6/5
Chris Robinson	6/6
Tom Harrold	6/8
Tara Howe	6/8
Talan Pletz	6/8
Brian Busch	6/14
Lisa Kiene	6/15
Abby Sue Meagan	6/15
Gene Robinson	6/16
Robert Barr	6/19
Kurt Graves	6/22
Abigail Foelske	6/23
Julia Baldwin	6/24
Deb Wienhold	6/24
Cindy Dobbs	6/26
Ayden Dobbs	6/26
Crystal Fisher	6/26
Mary Jane Stanhope	6/26
Hayleigh Heiser	6/28
Sherry Dilley	6/29



June Anniversaries

Roger & Sharon Heiser	6/11
Robert & Vicki Fisher	6/13
Eugene & Helen Dettmer	6/21
Michael & Cecilia Baldwin	6/30





Birthday/Anniversary Challenge

Many years ago, it was suggested that members of the congregation give thanks to God for being able to celebrate another year for birthdays and anniversaries. Since that time, members have chosen to make a donation, in addition to their regular giving. On the month of their birthday and anniversary, they donate \$1 for every year of their age and their time married.

This tradition has declined in the past years, and we are trying to start it up again as a special fund raiser and just another way to Praise God for all the blessings of another year!

Simply write your check to the church and put "Birthday/Anniversary Challenge" in the memo portion.

Roger and Sharon Heiser's granddaughter, Marina Stratiou, will be graduating from high school in June but has already earned her associates degree from R. Sargent Reynolds' college. She graduated magna cum laude, on May 15 and will be attending James Madison University in the fall.

Congratulations to Marina!!!

Upcoming Events

Thursday, June 2

UMW meets at 6:00 pm
Rebecca Shower at 6:30 pm
Everyone is welcome!!!!
Contact Karen Funk for details.

Thursday, June 9

Z-Team meets at 1:00 pm

Sunday, June 19

Father's Day

July 1 - Pastor Laurie begins

July 3 - Pastor Laurie's first sermon

Welcome Potluck after worship



UMW May Breakfast

Thank you to Jean, Melissa, and Janet for preparing and serving a great breakfast.

Thank you to Sue for accompanying us as we sang.

And a special thanks to Rachael for bringing beautiful flowers and an informative presentation for us.

It was a wonderful day, and we can't wait to do it again next May!

(see pictures on page 7)



Prayers for our Shepherds and those
who are served by them:

Esther Lageschulte
Flo Shepard
Marlys Cook
Georgia Eibey
Marilyn Taylor
Harriet Schares
Lois Boeck
Lolita Huber
Lavonne Dorman
Char Brickman
Betty Betsinger

Please keep them in your prayers:

Tom & Char Brickman
Wendy Brace
Johnny & Esther Folkerds
Velma Rice & her family
Nancy Osborn
Jane Fauser's sister
Lois Boeck

**The Shepherds will be meeting
June 7 at 9:30 am.**

They are pleased to welcome Margaret Shepard as a new Shepherd (Shepard, the Shepherd, how appropriate is that?).

If you would like more information or lists and schedules, please come to the meeting, contact the church office, or contact Janet Destival.

Remember - **anyone is welcome to be a Shepherd**, even if your last name is not Shepard. It is a very rewarding experience.

Heavenly Father,
hear our prayers for
our brothers and
sisters in Ukraine.



Lord we ask for peace for those who need peace, reconciliation for those who need reconciliation and comfort for all who don't know what tomorrow will bring. Lord may your Kingdom come, and Your will be done.

Lord God, we ask for you to be with all – especially children who are suffering as the crisis in Ukraine deteriorates. Lord for those who are anxious and fearful. For those who are bereaved, injured or who have lost their lives. And for those who have lost loved ones. Lord hear our prayers.



UMCOR

A special **THANK YOU** to all who donated to the various UMCOR collections in the past months. So many people are in need of help, and your generosity gives them hope and help.

\$270 was donated to UMCOR for Iowa tornado relief efforts.

\$575 was donated to UMCOR for Ukraine.

\$285 was donated for UMCOR Sunday to help pay administrative costs so all money donated to causes goes 100% to each cause.

BLANKETS

Thank you to all who made a donation toward blankets on Blanket Sunday. Your donations will provide warm, sturdy blankets that will be delivered by UMCOR during disaster relief. **\$530** was donated! Your kindness and generosity is overwhelming and will be greatly appreciated!!! **THANK YOU!**

IMAGINE NO MALARIA

The mosquitoes have arrived!! Luckily the ones in our sanctuary are cute and harmless. Unfortunately over half of our world is at risk from malaria-carrying mosquitoes. Over 600,000 people died from malaria in 2020 - most of these are children. Deaths are on the rise in the last couple years due to disruption in supply deliveries with Covid. **Malaria is 100% preventable.** A single insecticide-treated net can protect a whole family.

Let's help rid the world of malaria. Make your checks out to the church and put "malaria" in the memo part. Feel free to take one of our cute mosquitoes home as a reminder to pray for an end to this terrible disease.

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

- DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34

On May 4, the ladies of the Janesville United Methodist Church participated in their annual May Breakfast. A wonderful breakfast was prepared and served by Jean Eibey, Melissa Eibey, and Janet Destival. Rachael Coffman from "Dew on the Roses" gave us a "flowery" presentation, and Sue Stapleton accompanied us as we sang "In the Garden". A great time was had by all and a BIG THANKS goes out to all who made this happen.



Quilt of the Month

Each month, we are going to show you a different quilt, completed by the “Piecemakers” quilting group.

All quilts are available for viewing in Court Chapel.

If you would be interested in any quilt, you can contact Cindy Spencer.

This month’s featured quilt is a police/fire throw.
It is 50 in. x 60 in. - machine quilted with red, white, and blue thread.

